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THE FEELING NOW CHEERFUL

General French's Successes Are Pleasing to England.

CAVALRY NEED ILLUSTRATED

Ladysmith Reported All Well Up to Sunday, But the Bombardment is Continued.

LONDON, Jan. 2, 4:30 A. M.—The success of General French in driving the Boers from Colerberg has shot a welcome ray of light through the gloom of the campaign in South Africa. Everywhere it is commented upon as an example of sound tactics and as an illustration of what may be done when the right methods are employed with the Boers. The government is urged to take the lesson to heart and to see that no stone is left unturned in the endeavor to get the largest possible force of cavalry and mounted infantry to the front.

Now that General French has the Boers on the run hope is expressed that he will give them no rest but will harass them until they have found their way across the Orange river, which is 12 miles distant.

One important result of the success of General French is that it will have a deterrent effect on the Dutch disaffection. There is some disposition here to exaggerate the importance of the small skirmishes and engagements. It should be borne in mind that General French has only 2,000 men, and so far as the important points of the campaign are concerned the situation is virtually unchanged.

ENGLAND'S GLOOMY NEW YEAR

Only Satisfaction is That the Boers Have Not Followed Up Their Victories.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—A dispatch from London says: The New Year opened gloomily for England, with a record of misadventure and disaster in South Africa to be retrieved at great loss of life and treasure and with reputations of generals in the field and of ministers at home hanging upon the issue of battle during the next few weeks. There is no lack of criticism and fault finding in the press and there are signs of anxiety in ministerial circles over the political effects of additional reverses to British arms, but there is also a hopeful feeling induced by fresh proofs of the incapacity of the Dutch allies to make use of their opportunities.

Boer victories of Stormberg, Magersfontein and Colerberg have not been followed up in any instance. There have been no successful raids on the lines of communication and Ladysmith, Kimberly and Mafeking have not been overwhelmed by superior numbers and guns. There is a record of their failures as well as British defeats.

The budget of news received at midnight was a light one. The arrival of a Cape steamer has brought a large mail and all the morning journals print letters from their special correspondents. The most interesting letters are those published in the Standard, the Times and other journals from Ladysmith in which incidents of the siege and garrison life are described.

The writers are wisely silent on important points and deal lightly with the dangers of the situation, but there is little doubt that the garrison has been short of ammunition and the knowledge of this fact has influenced General Buller in sacrificing his original plan of campaign and massing his forces for the relief of Ladysmith. He is still calling in reinforcements, for the Majestic has gone to Durban with another battalion and numerous drafts.

Indications still point to a battle at the end of this week, although there may be delays through a mule transport service which General Buller is evidently organizing on a large scale. The Tugela is reported in flood from the heavy rains and the passage of the river will be most difficult.

News from the western border is meager. There are isolated accounts of gun practice by the naval brigade at Modder river, which is constantly improving. One dispatch describes the havoc made by a naval gun which had found the range of the main source of the water supply of the Boer camp.

British accounts of Baden-Powell's sortie cannot be expected for several days. The Boer official dispatches stating that two well-known British officers, one of them a son of the prime minister were wounded, have

caused much anxiety in the world of wealth and fashion. The war office reported at midnight that Lord Methuen's situation was unchanged, but that the Boers had retired to Colerberg from their intrenchments at Rossburg.

DELAGOIA BAY MATTER.

The Railroad Ownership in the Way of the Secret Treaty.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—A special to the Herald from Geneva, N. Y., says: Information concerning the key to the British situation in South Africa is evidently in possession of Frederick C. Penfield, formerly colonial general at Cairo, Egypt, who is stopping here with relatives. When seen he would make no statement for publication on the subject.

Mr. Penfield married the widow of Colonel Edward McMurry, who built the Delagoa Bay Railroad, connecting Lorenzo Marques with Pretoria. The Portuguese government confiscated the road soon after its completion and at Colonel McMurry's death, Mrs. McMurry made a claim for \$1,500,000 indemnity which, with other claims of the same nature, amounting to many millions of dollars, has been pending for 10 years before a board of arbitration consisting of three Swiss judges.

Upon the announcement of the award, it is said the secret treaty between Portugal, England and Germany for the partition of the Portuguese colonial possessions will become effective. By the terms of this treaty, according to reports, England is to get possession of Delagoa bay.

Mr. Penfield said the matter was one of diplomacy alone and that it would be highly improper for him to say anything. The railroad which runs from Lorenzo Marques to Pretoria, he admits, is the key to the South African republic, yet, concerning its concession and the suit over the confiscation he will have nothing to say. The interests which he represents control, he says, 58 per cent of the stock of the road.

THE CEAR FOR PEACE.

Deplores a Bloody War Following The Hague Conference.

BERLIN, Jan. 1.—The Voerwaerts published today what purports to be a receipt written by Count Muraviev at the Czar's direction, addressed to the governments that took part in the international conference at The Hague. The receipt, it is said, will be issued on the Russian new year, January 11. It renounces the expression of the aspirations of the czar for peace of the world and the diminution of armaments and points out that the good work of The Hague conference threatens to crumble away unless the work is prosecuted with zealous devotion. Then it proceeds with an expression of regret that another war has broken out, "the spreading of which over the entire range of civilized humanity has been for the present prevented by the peaceful disposition of disinterested states."

The receipt deplors the fact that the nations are now engaged in a monstrous rivalry in building naval armaments, the terrible results of which it pictures in eloquent terms and concludes as follows: "The czar, at the beginning of the new century, would his receipt into all lands begging that international deliberations may be resumed on this most grave and difficult of questions, more especially to those parliaments who are about to deliberate on naval armaments whether there is not a better way to safeguard peace."

THE FENIAN BUGBEAR.

Report Circulated That They are Storing Supplies for a Raid.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—A special to the Times from Burlington, Vermont, says: It is reported that the Fenians are engaged in storing large quantities of dynamite, lyddite ammunition and supplies in a few selected repositories in remote districts in Vermont and Maine near the Canadian boundary line. The information comes from persons who claim to have knowledge of the purchase of some of the surplus and others who learned of their transportation by railroad disguised as groceries. Dynamite and other explosives have been secured in surprisingly large quantities and stored under ground on the Vermont border, while large quantities of canned meats have been hidden in some large barns of sympathizing farmers on the main line near New Hampshire.

It is said that an efficient ambulance corps is being organized under the supervision of a few loyal Irish women and surgeons who were in the Red Cross work in Cuba. They are also preparing a large number of "first-aid" packages for the invading forces.

The new movement is the work of the larger cities, but it is a fact that a large and important work is being done among the farmers of border states. A schedule is being arranged of farmers who can furnish wagons, horses and a dozen for transportation purposes.

MCCOY BESTS PETER MAHER

The Irishman Given a Clean Knock-Out Blow.

FIGHT WAS WELL FOUGHT

Maher Did Not Appear to Good Advantage and His Backers Were All Much Disappointed.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—Kid McCoy again placed himself in the championship class by defeating Peter Maher in a brisk, well-fought battle of five rounds before the Coney Island Athletic Club this afternoon.

The fight was scheduled to last 25 rounds and the purse was to have been \$20,000 but the attendance was not as large as had been expected and before the fight was begun the principals agreed that the winner should receive the gross gate receipts. The battle was hard fought from start to finish, but McCoy was far the cleverer man in ring tactics, dodging, side stepping and hitting powers. He showed himself to be a good ring general, ever watching for an opening and never failing to take advantage of one. Maher, although credited with being the heavier hitter, did not get in any effective blows. His foot work was poor, and at times he did not appear to have perfect control of himself. When the men entered the ring and stripped for battle both looked to be in perfect condition.

Under the Marquis of Queensbury rules now in vogue, provided by the club, were handed to the referee and he in turn gave them to the boxers' seconds. Maher donned his quickly, but McCoy claimed the gloves did not fit him and subsequently refused to use them. He insisted on wearing an old pair which he claimed suited him, but the referee was obstinate and McCoy gave in. McCoy was the aggressor in the start off and sent left hook to jaw, flooring the Irishman. In attempting to counter, Maher overreached himself and fell, but regained his feet almost immediately. Maher then began the rushing tactics, forcing the Kid to the ropes. The Irishman had McCoy in a tight place at this early stage of the game, but the Kid broke away nimbly and put a hard left to Maher's stomach before the first round ended.

In the third round Maher outpointed McCoy by 50 per cent. McCoy waited for the big fellow, who had the better of the previous round, Peter sent a hard left to the face, which the Kid countered. McCoy landed a left and right on the jaw. Peter wavered and McCoy sent another right which fell a bit short and then, dropping his left to the body, tried a right swing and as Peter side-stepped Kid met him with a full swing with his left which landed on the point of the jaw and the Irishman went down, resting on his right elbow, and was counted out in this position.

It was a terrific blow and an ox could scarcely have withstood his force. It was the cleanest knockout ever seen in a ring fight. Probably in the history of ring fights in this vicinity there has never been such a quick change in the betting as that which occurred during the two hours preceding this fight.

For some days past Maher had been the favorite, as good as 50 to 30 being bet on his chances. One hundred to 70 on Maher was the ruling price when the club house doors opened this afternoon and for no apparent reason Maher stock was backed while Kid's was bulled and when the men got into the ring their positions in the betting market were reversed with Kid the favorite.

MULTNOMAH WON.

Defeated Stanford University in a Fast Game.

PORTLAND, Jan. 1.—The Multnomah Athletic club this afternoon defeated Stanford University in one of the fastest football games ever played on the Multnomah field by a score of 11 to 6. All the scoring was done in the first half and inside of 20 minutes from the time game was called each side had scored a touchdown and kicked goal.

Stanford's line was especially vulnerable and Multnomah made the first touchdown by bucking for 80 yards without losing the ball.

TO CLEANSE NEW YORK.

Crusade Against Vice in the Congested Districts.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—This, the first day of the new year, has been selected for the inauguration of a crusade against vice on the lower East Side. The movement has attracted wide attention by reason of the forces be-

hind it. These include the society of ethical culture whose leader, Prof. Felix Adler, has announced his intention to rid the congested district of its many plague spots.

Prof. Adler will have the assistance of over a score of ministers of every denomination. Among them, it is reported, is Rev. Briggs formerly of the Presbyterian church, but now a Protestant Episcopal clergyman. Politicians will be appealed to and if those appeals fail other means will be resorted to.

OPENING OF THE HEMP PORTS.

War Department to Make Every Effort to Encourage More Exports.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—Assistant Secretary of War Melkajohn, in a letter to Representative Long, of Kansas, regarding the opening of the hemp ports in the Philippine islands says: "The estimated exports of hemp from the Philippine islands for one year of American occupation will approximate 190,000 tons of which amount 29,000 tons should be credited to the United States. This places the estimated exports to the United States for the year of American occupation at about 17,000 tons less than the exports of 1897. This is accounted for by the fact that there have been opened for shipment only three ports of the Philippine islands. "Every effort has been made by the war department in the past and will be made in the future to comply with requests to open all the so-called hemp ports of the islands."

SPANISH WAR VETERANS.

An Organization Effected in the Eastern States.

LANCASTER, Penna., Jan. 1.—General Willis J. Hulin, commander in chief of the national association of Spanish-American war veterans today announced the appointments of department commanders. Among them Major Edward H. Fox of the state of Washington.

These commanders in addition to the commander in chief and adjutant general (ex officio) shall constitute the executive board of a council of administration and they will immediately select a staff of adjutant general, quartermaster, inspector general, assistant surgeon general, judge advocate, signal officer and chaplain.

ANOTHER FAST RUN.

Goldborough Makes Thirty-Two Miles Against a Two-Mile Current.

PORTLAND, Jan. 1.—The torpedo boat destroyer Goldborough was given another builder's trial today and in a run of eight minutes she steamed at the rate of 32 miles per hour against a two-mile current.

A NEW YEAR BREAKFAST.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—Secretary of State and Mrs. Hay entertained the members of the diplomatic corps at breakfast at noon today.

IN QUAY'S STATE.

LANCASTER, Penna., Jan. 1.—County Treasurer E. H. Hershey, who has been absent from the city for some time, is a defaulter in the sum of \$65,000. He is believed to be in Canada.

NATIVES PLOT AN UPRISING

Manila Save Another Reign of Terror By the Americans.

SOUTHERN ADVANCE BEGUN

Americans Land and Take Cabaño After a Sharp Resistance by the Rebel Forces.

MANILA, Jan. 1.—The first movement of a general southern advance occurred this morning when two battalions of the Fourth infantry landed and occupied Cabaño on the south side of Laguna de bay. Two Americans were killed and two wounded. Twenty-four of the enemy were found dead in one house and 130 prisoners and four six pounder rapid-fire guns were captured.

The gunboat Laguna de Bay bombarded the town before the disembarkation of the troops from the cascos, which was made under the enemy's shrapnel fire. The enemy evacuated the place before the charging Americans, retreating to Santa Rosa, to which town they were pursued.

Heavy fighting occurred along the road to Santa Rosa, which was occupied by the insurgents, retreating south toward Silang. The Americans burned the country around Cabaño. The gunboat returned to Calamba for reinforcements and thence came to Manila to fetch ammunition. She recently captured two of the enemy's steam launches. Other regiments are mobilizing tonight at San Pedro Macati and Paig preparatory to continuing the southern advance.

Yesterday's capture of bombs involved the seizure of documents incriminating a thousand Filipinos who intended to rise against the Americans. Papers were also found showing the distribution of the city into districts and followers. The precautions taken by the Americans Saturday, it is now evident, alone prevented the uprising. The provost marshal has requested that two more regiments be detailed for the protection of Manila. Three thousand troops are now actually in the city.

MANILA, Jan. 1.—Aguinaldo's wife, sisters and 18 Filipino have surrendered to Major March's battalion of the Third infantry at Bontoc. Three Filipino officers also surrendered to Major March and the Filipinos gave up two Spanish and two American prisoners.

SENATOR NOT INDICATED.

CONCORD, N. H., Jan. 1.—The grand jury reported to Judge Aldrich today. No indictment was found against Senator Gallinger charged with violating the civil laws in soliciting subscriptions for campaign purposes from federal office holders.

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